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State Treasurer Richard Mourdock Announces Future Leaders Award Winner

Student wins \$1,000 CollegeChoice 529 Account

ELLETTSVILLE (January 17, 2008) – Sixth-grade student Kaci Banister is not only a leader in the classroom but in various other extra-curricular activities as well. Kaci's success in a number of areas makes her the winner of the *CollegeChoice Future Leaders Award*. Indiana State Treasurer Richard Mourdock announced Kaci as the winner of the *CollegeChoice Future Leaders Award* and presented the Edgewood Junior High School student with a \$1,000 scholarship account in front of her family, teachers, and fellow classmates.

"The *CollegeChoice Future Leaders Award* is a program that awards a Hoosier student for demonstrating leadership qualities in their school and community," Mourdock explained. "Kaci's perseverance and work ethic makes her an ideal candidate for the award."

Kaci was nominated for the *Future Leaders Award* by her Edgewood Junior High School teacher Alli Robertson who describes her as a compassionate and respectful leader among her peers. "Kaci has overcome challenges through striving for excellence," Robertson wrote in her nomination. "Undoubtedly, Kaci will achieve her dreams as she makes this world a better place."

Throughout the school year, Treasurer Mourdock presents the *CollegeChoice Future Leaders Award*, which provides a \$1,000 CollegeChoice 529 Investment PlanSM account, to a student who exemplifies any one or combination of the following: community service; progress/improvement in a specific area; overcoming personal obstacles; and/or excellence in academics, athletics, arts or music. In addition to Kaci receiving an award, her school received \$250 to be used to foster its own leadership activities.

Nominations for the on-going program may be submitted by anyone who knows of a student deserving of the award. For complete program rules and nomination form, go online to www.collegechoiceplan.com/leaders or call 317-232-5259.

State Treasurer Richard Mourdock is the Chairman of the Indiana Education Savings Authority, which sponsors the CollegeChoice 529 Plan. The CollegeChoice 529 Plan is a state and federally tax advantaged program that allows families to invest for future higher education expenses. Hoosiers interested in saving for a loved-one's college education are encouraged to visit the CollegeChoice 529 Plan website at www.collegechoiceplan.com or call 866-400-PLAN (7526) for more information.